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COUNTRY Soviet Zone of Germany

REPORT NO. [REDACTED]

TOPIC Alt Loennewitz Airfield

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1. Flying activity at the Alt Loennewitz (N 52/E 84) airfield subsided after the end of March 1950. Single-engine aircraft made nightflights for some time. The airfield boundary lights were repaired. During night flights the edge of the field and the runway were illuminated. The ration strength was recently reduced by about 300 men. The field commander ordered the mayor of Falkenberg (N 52/E 74) to prepare the vacant flats for officers who were expected to arrive. (1)
2. There was flying by three individual single-engine aircraft with navigation lights after 8 p.m. on 19 April 1950. A mobile searchlight situated on top of a field building occasionally rotated from north to east to south. Shortly before the landing the entire landing field was illuminated by another searchlight located near the hangars. (1.)
3. Twin-engine low-wing monoplanes made individual flights on the morning of 20 April 1950. These planes had in-line engines, landing gears which retracted inwardly, tail wheels, pitot tubes on their left wings and antenna rods aft of the cockpit. It was deduced from the engine sounds that the same aircraft had also flown the evening before.
4. The following aircraft were parked at the field on 19 April 1950:

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fifteen jet fighters with swept-back wings; 40 to 50 conventional fighters probably with radial engines; and 20 conventional fighters with in-line engines, including ten with red hub and two biplanes. The fighters with in-line engines have not been seen at the field before. The arrangement of the aircraft changed in the morning. The four alert jet fighters were towed to the western edge of the field when the wind changed. (2)

5. About 60 single-engine aircraft, 26 jet fighters with swept-back wings and two biplanes were parked at the field at 11:30 a.m. on 20 April 1950. The arrangement of the jet fighters indicated a possible inspection. The hangars were closed. Conventional wing jet fighters were not noticed. [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] Comments.

- (1) The reported night flights were apparently made by conventional aircraft. No jet planes have been reported making night flights at airfields in the Soviet Zone of Germany.
- (2) A tactical flight of jet planes is apparently being permanently kept ready for alert take-offs in Alt Loennewitz as observed at the airfields of Zerbst and Dessau.

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- (4) The information received [REDACTED] confirms the occupation of the airfield by jet aircraft (type 14), La-9s, conventional fighters and trainers of Yak-11 type. The presence of fighters with in-line engine is reported for the first time and requires confirmation. Two fighter regiments, equipped with La-9s and jet aircraft of type 14, have been assumed to be stationed at the field. The arrival of new air units was not observed. The reported reduction in the personnel occupation has not been confirmed [REDACTED]

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